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1. EMBOFF CONTACTS WITH MOFA LOS OFFICE AND ASIAN BUREAU REGIONAL PLANNING DIV AND FISHERIES AGENCY BUREAUCRATS LEAVE STRONG IMPRESSION THAT GOJ LOS EXPERTS SKEPTICAL AND PESSIMISTIC REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTIVE INDONESIAN ROLE AT GENEVA LOS CONFERENCE. OGISO-MOCHTAR CONSULTATIONS (REFTEL A) LEFT JAPANESE WITH IMPRESSION THAT GOI POSITION IS VERY HARD.

2. ACTION SUGGESTED: EMBASSY BELIEVES TRANSMITTAL OF SUBSTANCE REFTEL B TO JAPANESE WOULD REASSURE GOJ AND POSSIBLY PREVENT MISUNDERSTANDING IF USG SHOULD LATER MOVE TO SUPPORT COMPROMISE LANGUAGE ON "FREE AND UNIMPEDED STRAITS" TRANSIT REGIME. SINCE MANY OF GOJ DELEGATES HAVE ALREADY DEPARTED TOKYO, EMBASSY SUGGESTS BRIEFING AT GENEVA.

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